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General Douglas MacArthur, Ufologist - Part 2 **By Dick Moss, MUFON MN State Dir.**

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By 1955 General Douglas MacArthur had made known his concerns about UFOs and a possible impact on our society. Retired, and living in Manhattan, he felt compelled to express his concerns that UFOs posed a possible horrific threat. MacArthur was not afraid to speak his mind and thought that Americans should know the truth about flying saucers to the extent that he understood it.

MacArthur had begun to gather accounts about UFOs during World War II. The so-called foo fighters made their presence known in 1943 and these reports were suppressed by intelligence because they were thought to be secret German weapons. However, German pilots were also encountering what would later be called UFOs and presumed that they were secret weapons of the Allies. In the Pacific, American military personnel on board both ships and aircraft had shot at them. Huge cylinder-shaped objects came to the surface of the ocean and sped away in full view of the entire crews of ships.

Reported incidents were stamped "Top Secret" and sent to MacArthur who took a personal interest in the reports and presumed that they might be related to a Japanese development. As new reports piled up his crew began to understand that they were being confronted by a totally unknown technology. American radar had detected gigantic objects zipping about over the Pacific. Some planes sent up in pursuit of these craft either crashed or disappeared. Also, UFOs were apparently capable of jamming both radar and radio transmissions.

By 1945, MacArthur was convinced that the objects were of ET origin and were seemingly hostile. When MacArthur retired after being fired by President Truman, he maintained his interest in UFOs. According to an unnamed person, who was close to him during the final years of his life, he could talk for hours about the threat from outer space to anybody who would listen.

During one of MacArthur's last public appearances he delivered a speech at West Point in which he told the cadets that the next war would be fought in space when a united mankind would battle evil beings from another planet. For some, this was the harmless babbling of an old man. But, to others, it was a sober warning from a man who had access to information denied to ufologists.



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AN ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION –

2010

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Based on the evidence available to any unbiased observer, there can be little doubt that there are various alien civilizations with different intentions and motivations visiting Earth. This evidence is available from many sources, from public libraries to the Internet. Anyone of a properly conservative mind who doubts this should visit their library. This evidence ranges from ancient writings, which must be taken with a large grain of salt, but which still can suggest various possibilities for understanding of our visitors, to physical evidence, ranging from metallic artifacts to traces of elements or chemicals left behind at apparent landing sites. Perhaps it would be useful at this time of year to step back and try to look at our world through alien eyes. It is quite possible that our wars, terrorism, and crime are considered a serious threat to other life forms. However, perhaps aliens do not need to fear that humans will leave the earth in the foreseeable future to threaten them. There is evidence that the radiation that will be encountered by space craft is too severe to be ameliorated by presently known space technology, and that humans could not survive space voyages of more than a few months. (Aliens, according to some accounts, may avoid this hazard by bypassing space travel by various means.)

There has recently been an increase in the Internet "buzz" to the effect that various national governments, including our own, are on the verge of disclosing what they know about alien civilizations. There are, of course, several arguments both for and against such disclosure. Fifteen or twenty years ago, I asked fellow MUFON member and former Assistant State Director Walter J. Moe to make an assessment of the effects of alien disclosure and present it to the group. One of his principal conclusions was that such disclosure would have a disruptive effect on our society and our economy, leading to a substantial drop in the stock market. Some of the concerns were that we had no defense against the technology of the aliens, and were therefore at their mercy, while their intentions and purposes were uncertain. It has been said that nothing disturbs the stock market more than uncertainty. I think Wally Moe's conclusions had a lot of validity, and that anyone in government today would come to similar conclusions, although they might expect lesser effects due to the steady diet of movies and TV

programs about aliens, and the near universal consensus of today's scientists that life on other planets, even intelligent life, is probable, given recent astronomical discoveries indicating that many stars have planetary systems. Over three hundred planets have been discovered and a nearby "Super Earth" may have oceans and a thick atmosphere. It is my personal opinion that the majority of Americans would not be unduly upset by the revelation that we are being visited by extraterrestrial life forms. But there is a minority who likely would be upset by this, with concerns ranging from fear of invasion to a belief that these beings are evil or even demonic in nature. While I believe there are excellent reasons to believe the visitors are not demonic [see below], with the U.S. in the middle of a recession, anything that upsets even a minority would likely not be welcomed by government leaders. What is more likely is a slow release of information to gradually accustom people to the idea of an alien presence. This seems to be taking place, both in the form of statements by respected personages such as Dr. Mitchell and through leaks of documents. Dr. Robert Wood and his son Ryan have collected hundreds of such documents and, based on forensic evaluation, have provided various degrees of validation of many of these.

Are our visitors demonic? If, as there is strong evidence to believe, alien craft crashed near Roswell in 1947 and several other places around the world, and living aliens and dead alien bodies were found in and near some of these crashes, this should be enough to disprove the "demonic hypothesis". Here we must consider and discuss religious beliefs. By definition, according to the three principal monotheistic religions, demons are fallen angels, and have the power to travel from supernatural realms to physical realms without the aid of material craft.

Furthermore, these are considered to be spiritual beings, not possessing physical bodies. The existence of crashed craft and physical bodies is not consistent with the concept of demons. Therefore, these aliens cannot logically be claimed to be demonic. But not all people are logical, and there are bound to be some who maintain that aliens are "demonic".

In light of this potential disruption, perhaps it would be well for the governments of the world to wait two or three years until economic recovery is well underway before disclosing too much about alien visitors. One argument for having disclosure

sooner rather than later is that disclosure could be used to provide technology recovered from crashed alien craft, or better still, provided directly by aliens for, in the words of MUFON's stated purposes, "for the good/betterment of mankind". If, as many scientists believe, human activity is a major cause of global warming, such technology might be used to avoid wide-spread disruption from change in temperature and in patterns of rainfall.

On the other hand, what if such technology can also be used for methods of warfare which are as horrendous as nuclear weapons? In that case, it would be better to keep it secret. This points up other possible problems: Secrecy may prevent us from knowing things the government feels are better not disclosed. I personally doubt that any of the alien technology we have been able to back engineer involves very dangerous secrets; if the aliens have any concerns about our well-being, they would do their best to prevent dangerous information from falling into human hands. There are other arguments against disclosure; as has been discussed elsewhere, a lot of awkward questions would be raised which could be vexing to our government. I don't worry about vexing the government, but this could delay disclosure.

But very few secrets can be kept forever. Perhaps in a few short years, the government will reveal at least basic information about the ET presence. Disclosure may be pushed along faster by UFO cases with strong evidence. So in the meantime, UFO researchers can help speed up this process by investigating, analyzing, and publicizing the sightings of UFOs and ETs that are continuing to be reported, and those cases in the past in which good evidence shows that there is a highly important phenomena taking place. This is what we in MUFON are doing, and there is every reason to believe that we are on the side of history, and that, sooner or later, truth will out. (Credit for some of these thoughts goes to George Filer: Filer's Files for Dec. 23, 2009)

An Evaluation of the Big Day's Impact upon Society by Stephane Wuttunee, www.dreamingthepyrarnid.net, November 17 2009 <http://www.ufodigest.com/news/1109/disclosed2.php>

Is the looming acceptance of visiting intelligent lifeforms upon planet Earth really that big of a deal? I'm not so sure.

Some think that a formal Disclosure announcement by a nation's President or Prime Minister would create riots, stock market crashes, suicides, but I doubt it. I mean, this is a time and age where one can go to practically any large western city in the world and see people that actually look like aliens. Spend some time on "le Boulevard Ste-Catherine" in Montreal, for instance, and one's eyes will be treated to seeing scores of people adorned with green hair, tattooed faces, striped nylons, fluorescent coloured shoes, pierced lips, noses, and ears, wild looking contact lenses, and much else. Sure, "normal" people walk the streets too, but here in Quebec at least, "standing out" is more than a fashion statement – it's a cultural motto. Visually speaking, adding one more type of weirdo to the mix just wouldn't have that great of an impact. Actually, visiting lifeforms would probably blend in.

Socially speaking, we are already conditioned to accepting alien life. If one pays close attention to their surroundings, for example, one comes across depictions of aliens at least five to ten times a day. ET is on commercial products such as yogurt containers, cereal boxes, on television in the form of commercials, programs, news reports, cartoons, and movies, on computer cases (Alienware), in video games, in artwork, and even in everyday lingo. I mean let's face it; in terms of Disclosure, we're practically already there.

So how would such an announcement take place? What would a figurehead's words be and how long would such a presentation last?

Like Stephen Bassett from PRG (Paradigm Research Group), I share the same opinion that Disclosure would be relatively short and direct. If President Obama were to step up to the plate with this (rumours are he might), I think his address to the nation might sound something like this:

"My fellow Americans, we are about to take our first step forward into a new type of awareness and understanding. The debate over whether or not intelligent lifeforms exist elsewhere in the Universe is over. Intelligent lifeforms do exist elsewhere in

the Universe and in fact, have been visiting Earth for dozens if not hundreds or even thousands of years. I know that hearing this may upset some and delight others, so I implore all of you to remain attentive and calm. This is merely the first step in what will surely become an intense yet gradual acclimatization process for our world and civilization. I also wish to clarify that the majority of these lifeforms appear to be benign and non-hostile, so there is no need for panic. No direct or indirect threat to our way of life is present. All of my staff as well as congress are fully aware of this development and we are working around the clock behind the scenes to bring you more information. Formal press conferences will soon follow and we will be taking questions from the media. Thank you."

Done. That took roughly a minute to go through. Not very long. Short, sweet, and direct. In my opinion, having Disclosure go on for longer than this might muddy the waters further by raising too many questions (poor speechwriters though, since this type of announcement would surely be the most heavily scrutinized and proofread speech in history). And the impact?

Obviously, conversations between people at work and in schools worldwide would brew hot and steamy for a good while. A few – particularly the elderly - might express shock and need to be reassured. But a good portion of them would accept it too. The young and middle aged, on the other hand, would probably make statements such as: "Hah! I knew it! I knew it all along"! For the most part, expect no resistance there.

Religionwise, the Vatican's recent conference on the search for intelligent life paves the way for immediate reassurance and adaptation. The Catholic faith is clearly positioning itself and followers will be well taken care of. Islam would have no problem with Disclosure too, since the Quran makes frequent mention of other lifeforms existing elsewhere under Allah's rule. Buddhism is already at peace with everything anyhow so no problem there. Indigenous cultures of course, have always accepted the reality and presence of "star people" and ET. In fact, Disclosure is practically a non-event to them.

In the world of science, one of the easily foreseeable results of Disclosure will be that the world's top minds will want to get their hands on the technology as soon as possible for various reasons. The military, of course, will have to decide how

much and what kind of information and materials to release to the public. One thing's for sure, R&D departments the world over will have a carnivalesque atmosphere in the wake of Disclosure.

But perhaps the most shocking realization we'll have in the post Disclosure world is seeing how many people there are who just...won't...care.

I mean that.

Some people around us just won't give a damn about the existence of ET. They won't think it affects their lives or jobs in any immediate sense at all, so they won't even have an opinion on it. They'll simply go on living and doing their thing like nothing happened. What that means for those who do care is that rather than be amazed at some people's 'so what' attitude, it might be best for us to accept it. After all, nothing absorbs and slows down the sudden impact of anything better than mud. In the wake of Disclosure, indifference might actually help.

If Disclosure does not happen soon, I fully anticipate that ET will circumvent governments by showing themselves. This is reasonable to assume since sighted crafts are becoming more numerous and more importantly, bigger in size. Imagine events such as the Phoenix and Stephenville sightings taking place in multiple locations worldwide simultaneously. Now there's a PR nightmare!

Although he's taking much flak these days, President Obama may very well be involved in taking steps for Disclosure (like rumours circulating online suggest). Regardless of whether he is or not, it's going to happen one day for certain simply because the idea of Disclosure is now mainstream. Hundreds if not thousands of bloggers write about it every day, rock bands have formed around exopolitics, t-shirts express the idea, and so forth. Once the world knows that ET exists, expect things to go very fast from then on. Personally, it matters not to me what President Obama's intentions are with going through Disclosure. What matters to me is that he (or another figurehead) drops the ball. The rest of us can pick it up and play the game.

**The CE4 Corner – January/February,
2010 – 'At last, someone believes me...'**
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'Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. Somebody finally believes me...'

A week or two ago, these words over e-mail literally brought a tear to my eye. They came from an experiencer whom I will call "Lucy" (actually a composite of several callers), who had called me to tell me about her experiences. Like other experiencers, Lucy had been a 'favorite' of the phenomenon, having been plagued by anomalous intrusions for nearly all of her life. And like so many of her contemporaries, she was unable to speak to anyone about her experiences.

The loneliness of this experience must be staggering. As I listened to her speak, I heard her voice waver, breaking into tears on several occasions. She spoke of how her first memories, from roughly age three, were about intrusions by alien beings - strange creatures entering through the closed window. She spoke of the fear that accompanied going to bed every night - fear that the 'strangers' and the 'dreams' would come again.

For some experiencers, childhood experiences sometimes take on a positive character. Some experiencers describe 'magical playmates,' who brought them psychic toys and took them on fun adventures. In one case, which I describe in The Cosmic Bridge (www.thecosmicbridge.com), the Visitors appeared in the form of 'fun' little cartoon characters. While on the surface, they seemed to be positive, there were definite darker undertones to the 'fun and games' of these childhood events - but at least on the surface, there was a positive facade. In Lucy's case, there was apparently no such thing.

As we talked, it became apparent that Lucy's experiences were far more numerous than those of most. She indicated that the experiences were nearly nightly, a prodigious rate. If the abduction phenomenon is a physical one, this means that a UFO has had to (her experiences are still on-going) enter Earth's atmosphere and remain undetected as it took its position over Lucy's home every night for several decades. This suggests either that the phenomenon has some incredible level of stealth, or that - at least in some cases - there is an other-than-physical explanation. And yet, given the emotional effects of the experience, it seems absolutely and powerfully real.

From the emotional intensity and the mystery of Lucy's account, we can once again see the power and magnitude of the phenomenon. The biggest of all the effects, however, is that few if any people accept their account. Peers, doctors and psychologists, nearly all dismiss the events, which are so brutally real to the experiencer. Unless the experiencer happens to live in a community where the topic is 'acceptable,' she finds herself alone, bearing the weight of two conflicting realities upon her shoulders.

On that day, as the woman I call "Lucy" cried on the phone - the magnitude of her isolation was fully and brutally apparent. After a lifetime of nobody believing her, I can fully imagine her relief when somebody on the other end of the phone line finally listened to her and accepted what she had to say. While there was nothing I could physically do to help her, for the moment just my ear was enough - confirmed by the e-mail the next day when she wrote, 'At last, someone finally believes me...'

**Minnesota:
The Land of 10,000 Foo Fighters?
December 14, 2009, Kittson County Top
News Examiner, Ken Korczak**
<http://www.examiner.com/x-19101-Kittson-County-Top-News-Examiner~y2009m12d14-Minnesota-The-Land-of-10000-Foo-Fighters>

As a professional journalist who is willing to occasionally examine topics of paranormal interest, I get a lot of calls from people who have experienced strange and unexplained events. One of the most frequent calls I get here in northern Minnesota is from people who have seen strange and exotic flying globes of light.

A recent case in point:

As elderly retired dairy farmers from the tiny town of Skime, Minnesota, called to say that he and a friend were startled by a strange object which appeared suddenly to them above a line of trees. This is the way he told it to me, in his own words:

"This was about 10 years ago. We were playing cards at a friend's house until about 11 o'clock at night. It was wintertime. There were no stars or moon...it was a cloudy night. We were driving home...just as we were crossing where County Road 18 crosses Number 9 this big bright thing just suddenly appeared.

"It was very luminous...a dull orange in color. It had a definite outline to it...I would say it was oval or egg shaped. It was about 400 yards from us. We were due north of it...it was so low we could see the outline of the trees in front of it.

"The strange thing about it was that it appeared suddenly...as if it had been there in the dark before and turned on its lights when we came upon it...like we had scared it up, or something.

"We were dumbfounded. 'What the heck it that!' we said to each other. We watched it for about a minute...and then a brilliant white flash went off...it was like a giant flash bulb from a camera...it was bright enough to light up the entire countryside and drown out my headlights... then it was gone.

"We were flabbergasted. The next day we read in the Grand Forks Herald that there were UFOs spotted in North Dakota that same night."

"The more I think about it, the goofier it gets!"

Another man, David Danielson, a well-known artist who lives in Roseau, Minnesota, called to tell me a story about a vivid childhood memories of a frightening event which occurred on his aunt's farm about 20 years ago. In his words:

"I was a little boy...it was about 25 or 30 years ago... I remember my aunt coming over and telling my mom about this...one night they heard a loud humming sound outside...this was on their farm one mile north of Roseau...they looked out the window and saw a bright orange object hovering in their yard...she described it as a hat-shaped object, like a flying saucer...it was about the size of a haystack.

"It had a big effect on me as a kid. My aunt's daughter had nightmares about the thing for many years after that...they were really scared by this thing. I still think about it all the time."

Danielson said that he recalls reports of orange-red UFOs being spotted near the town of Malung during this same time period, and that one woman even reported being followed by one as she was driving her car.

FOO FIGHTERS?

Flying red and orange globes are nothing new to pilots, especially fighter and bomber pilots of World War II and other wars. World War II pilots dubbed

the objects "Foo Fighters," using a garbled form of the French word for fire.

Foo fighters were commonly seen by pilots to rise from the surface of the earth, level off and fall into formation with airplanes. Sometimes the globes would "buzz" or harass airplanes. At other times they would come in groups of five or six and fly in tight formation beside, behind or in front of war planes.

Foo fighters were usually red or orange globes of fiery light. They were one foot to six feet in diameter.

The Allies believed Foo Fighters were some kind of technology being employed by the Nazis, while the Nazis were convinced they were something developed by the Allies.

Today, flying globes, or Foo Fighters, are one of the most common and persistently reported type of sightings classified as unidentified flying objects.

Here in northern Minnesota, encounters with Foo Fighters are plentiful.

Some scientists believe that Foo Fighters are a natural phenomenon caused by certain kinds of geologic formations beneath the surface of the earth. These formations rub together, scientists say, and occasionally cause the discharge of large electrical bursts, which may rise above the surface and float into the air.

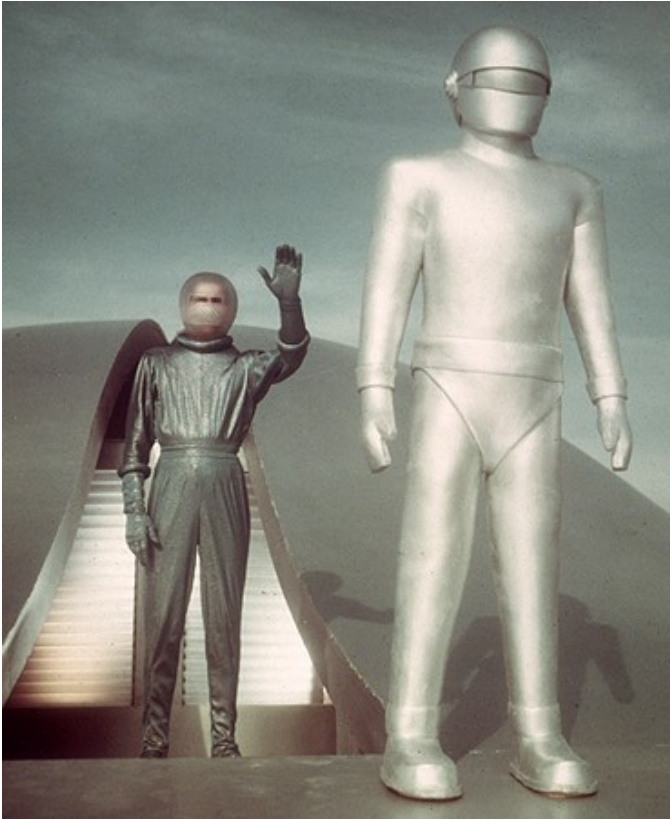
Furthermore, scientists claim that much of northern Minnesota has exactly the kind of geologic subsurface that would be highly conducive to this kind of energy discharge.

But the scientific jury is still out on the geologic formation, electrical discharge theory, and most scientists would call it just that-a theory-until further proof can be obtained.

Another common natural explanation for flying globes of light is the famous "ball lightning." But again, the existence of ball lightning is disputed by many scientists, some claiming that the law of physics would not allow electricity to act that way. Furthermore, people who have seen Foo Fighters would tell you that they don't act like natural objects-they follow cars, buzz farm sites, harass animals- and more.

So what are they? That's unknown. What we do know is that they're here. It's a fact that Foo Fighters are spotted frequently and consistently by Minnesota residents. Perhaps a new slogan for the state is in order:

Minnesota: Land of 10,000 Foo Fighters!



Elites associated with Slave Trade linked to UFO disclosure issue by Ed Komarek

<http://exopoliticsnews.wordpress.com/2009/12/26/elites-associated-with-slave-trade-linked-to-ufo-disclosure-issue/>

In the article called, "Targeting UFO/ET Corporation X", I had suggested that one area of the alien resource trade that "Corporation X" might find highly profitable could be considered a modern alien version of the slave trade that flourished in the British American colonies and later in the American Republic. The sometimes legal and sometimes illegal slave trade of the 1600s, 1700s and 1800s was immensely profitable especially to those slavers operating out of the North Eastern United States.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slave_trade

What is not widely known is that many powerful American family fortunes of today have their roots in this infamous slave trade. Could it be possible that some of these same families and their international counterparts again are involved and profiting from a trade in biological materials derived from victimized alien abductees?

In the past the black African leadership sold their own people to the enslaving more technologically advanced European and American slavers as trade goods for metal weapons, cookware, ornaments and rum. Could the reasoning and justification be the same today as in the past, "if you can't beat them join them"? Is history repeating itself, but this time the technologically sophisticated and unethical race is extraterrestrial.

I would like to point out that the evidence suggests that a wide range of alien species with a wide range of agendas, motivation and ethics are visiting this planet. My concern in this article is with one or more alien species that seem to be technologically superior to us but on about the same ethical level or worse.

It would be natural for those secretive manipulative earth humans with a less ethical bent to become involved with less ethical alien types for trade and material benefit while brushing off overtures by more ethical races. This issue is controversial amongst abductee investigators.

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Milabs/jintro.html>

<http://www.ufoabduction.com/thinking13.htm>

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Could one dark aspect of trade in extraterrestrial resources through, "Corporation X" or otherwise, be a kind of slave trade where some unethical humans are cooperating and assisting in a super-secret programme of alien-human hybridization (or cloning of humans) designed in part to infiltrate into Earth societies.

Could it also be that some aliens want to participate in earth society to a greater degree but are hampered by bodies that while fit for space travel may not be fit for life on earth? Or do the aliens have an even broader agenda encompassing many worlds that involves exploitation and trafficking in earth human genetic material, fetuses, etc. irrespective of basic earth human civil rights and liberties. Whatever the regressive alien interest and motivation, abductees like Jim Sparks, <http://www.jim-sparks.com/index.html> seem to be saying that super-secret elements of the military and other government agencies that are ostensibly

sworn to protect the public are involved in supporting the unsavoury victimization and trafficking in abductee biological resources.

Throughout our human history, there have always been those who have had no problem commercially profiting from the victimization of other humans for which enslavement is just one example. Could one of the reasons that "Corporation X" and other government agencies in democratic countries are resisting and subverting non-dissembled UFO/ET disclosure is that the exposure of this unsavoury, illegal, unethical, cruel, unconstitutional trafficking in abductee biological and genetic resources for technology and technological knowledge will inspire public disgust and outrage. The public might expect this sort of thing to develop under autocratic unethical dictatorships, but not under supposedly democratic constitutional regimes. But such unethical activities would be consistent with the essentially exploitative ethic of "global capitalism".

Would justifications that involve excessive secrecy and national security really hold water should the truth be widely known that this modern slave trade outrage was secretly supported and exploited by business-criminal elements in our society for profit?

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Journalist teaches college class on covering fringe topics, cover-ups, UFOs
By Steve Hammons, Transcendent TV & Media, December 14, 2009

<http://tvtranscend.blogspot.com/2009/12/journalist-teaches-college-class-on.html>

How should journalists, the news media and informed citizens handle certain unusual and unconventional topics?

To try to find the answers, internationally-known and award-winning investigative journalist George Knapp will be teaching a journalism course at the College of Southern Nevada beginning in January.

The course, "Reporting from the Twilight Zone," will explore many elements involved in subjects that may be sensitive or secret, complex, strange, and at times, frightening.

Journalism students and professionals as well as the general public are welcome to take the course.

Knapp plans to include examinations of the roles of reporters, editors, news organizations, other media professionals as well as media consumers when it comes to topics such as alleged conspiracies, cover-ups and other unusual areas such as UFOs.

Is there peer pressure in the newsroom? Do elements of government shape coverage of certain topics, conspiracies and cover-ups? Do media owners and advertisers affect reporting on sensitive, unconventional or special topics? Are these kinds of subjects also exploited at times by and in the media? What are the current trends on this kind of journalism?

The class will tackle these and other important questions.

MODERN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

According to the course description, Knapp, students and guests "will examine the techniques and standards of modern investigative journalism as applied to 'fringe' topics and will identify key approaches taken by various media to the exploration and/or exploitation of controversial subjects."

The course description also notes, "Another objective will be to question whether journalism standards for covering 'fringe' subjects are (or should be) different from other types of reporting. The course will explore these issues from many different perspectives, and will receive input from professional journalists, academic researchers, scientists, and skeptics."

"The course will encourage critical thinking skills for both journalists and news consumers in evaluating the quality and accuracy of the news and information we see, and don't see."

We might also ask: How do journalists cover topics on which there may be a lack of solid facts, yet persuasive sources, indicators or circumstantial evidence? How do citizens draw reasonable conclusions and understanding from a wide range of journalistic reports and other sources and media platforms?

In a Dec. 3 column he wrote for "Las Vegas City Life," Knapp also noted that the course is being sponsored by Bigelow Aerospace, based in Las

Vegas. Knapp pointed out that the company's founder, Robert "Bob" Bigelow, has "a lifelong interest" in subjects related to unconventional topics such as UFOs. In addition, Bigelow will provide funding for guest speakers and lecturers to contribute to the course, Knapp wrote.

Are these kinds of topics worthy of news coverage or even a college class? Knapp raises this issue in his "Las Vegas City Life" column. Some people may not think so. Knapp says students, media professionals and the public should make up their own minds and maintain a critical and careful perspective.

FRINGE OR FUNDAMENTAL

But are courses and media coverage of certain topics really so unconventional?

Most so-called "fringe" topics actually deal with sociology, psychology, American and world history, anthropology, government, national defense and intelligence matters, various scientific disciplines and even spiritual beliefs.

And what kinds of subjects are we really talking about? Some have been part of the record of human experience throughout history. These might include social or economic manipulations, political assassinations, deceptive "false flag" attacks and secret activities of various kinds.

Other topics delve into the metaphysical such as life after death and afterlife concepts, extrasensory perception (ESP), higher human consciousness, ideas about multiple dimensions, intelligent life elsewhere, UFOs, synchronicity (meaningful "coincidences") and the nature of a higher intelligence. Are these kinds of subjects "paranormal" or simply normal?

Are some of these topics really "fringe?" Or, are they fundamental and tremendously important for human education, development and even survival? Are they actually very important for American society and the human race as a whole?

For example, are ESP and "remote viewing" really "anomalous cognition" (unusual perception)? Maybe they are really just additional and natural kinds of human perception.

Are all conspiracy theories simply irrational rumors?

Can increased understanding about human history, human behavior, human nature, human potential and the how the Universe (or "multiverse") works move us forward toward a brighter future?

If these questions are legitimate, then Knapp's course certainly seems like a very worthwhile endeavor. Knapp, students and participants in the class might even come up with some interesting answers.

Astronomers Now Have Their Very Own Site For UFO Reports

By www.uapreporting.org, 10-15-09

<http://www.theufochronicles.com/2009/12/astronomers-now-have-their-very-own.html>

Press release: WEBSITE launched for astronomers to report observations of unexplained phenomena.

A scheme is being launched that will give amateur and professional astronomers a formal mechanism for reporting any unexplained phenomena they observe when studying the night sky. In the framework of International Year of Astronomy 2009 (IYA2009), the Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena (UAP) Observations Reporting Scheme aims to provide a global focus for sightings by astronomers and contribute towards a better understanding of transient phenomena occurring in the atmosphere.

The reporting scheme has been set up by amateur astronomer, Philippe Ailleris, who proposes to use the unique opportunity of IYA2009 to collect additional and more rigorous information on UAPs, more popularly referred to as UFOs.

"These phenomena are mainly seen in the night sky, a domain that astronomers have long considered their own, and it is important to collect testimonies from members of the population that are trained observers. We aim to approach this controversial field of UAP sightings from a professional, rational point of view and without any preconceived ideas. Certainly whenever there are unexplained observations, there is the possibility that scientists could learn something new by further study," said Ailleris.

Ailleris has developed a questionnaire that requests precise details of the sightings, including the location, time, elevation, velocity, apparent size and distance of the UAPs, as well as a description of the terrain and weather conditions at the observation

point and any sketches, photos, audio or video footage. A short and long version of the questionnaire in English and French can be downloaded from a dedicated website, www.uapreporting.org.

The website will also give information on common nocturnal and daytime misidentifications, such as sightings of satellites, weather balloons, rockets, meteors, planets and natural phenomena such as ball lightning, sprites and mirages. There will also be links to relevant websites where people can further check charts and details.

“As well as allowing people to double check their sighting against explainable causes, we hope that the website will be a useful tool for the astronomy community to redirect enquiries from the general public and to help engage with the public in discussions about the science behind what is seen in the sky,” said Ailleris.

The scheme is being launched in the run up to the IYA2009 Cornerstone Project, Galilean Nights, which will see amateur and professional astronomers around the globe taking to the streets on 22-24 October, pointing their telescopes to the wonders that Galileo observed 400 years ago.

“Many IYA2009 observers will be scanning the skies with all kinds of technical equipment – telescopes, binoculars, video-cameras, cameras with spectrographs – which creates an excellent opportunity to obtain supplementary data,” said Ailleris. “This is also a great opportunity to engage with the general public and discuss some of the challenges astronomers face in determining various parameters such as coordinates, altitude, distance, speed and size. I hope we can use this opportunity to enthuse young (and not so young) people and prompt them to start looking upwards and outwards to make sense of their place in the Universe.”

Further Information

UAP Observations Reporting Scheme website: <http://www.uapreporting.org>.

International Year of Astronomy The International Year of Astronomy 2009 (IYA2009) is a global effort initiated by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) and UNESCO to help the citizens of the world rediscover their place in the Universe through the day- and night-time sky, and thereby engage a personal sense of wonder and discovery.

The International Year of Astronomy 2009 is supported by eleven Cornerstone projects, including ‘She is an Astronomer’. These are global programmes of activities centred on specific themes and are some of the projects that will help to achieve IYA2009’s main goals. IYA2009 website: <http://www.astronomy2009.org>. Contact Philippe Ailleris: contact@uapreporting.org

Life On Mars Debate—Again! **By Frank Warren, The UFO Chronicles,** **11-30-09**

<http://www.theufochronicles.com/2009/11/life-on-mars-debateagain.html>

What Was Once Old—Nay, 'Very Old' is New Again

The meteorite discovered at Alan Hills, Antarctica on December 27, 1984, tagged ALH 84001, which was later determined to be from the planet Mars became the focus of a heated debate over ten years later; in 1996, (after sitting on a shelf for a decade) a press conference took place where a group of NASA scientists, supported by three universities and lead by Dr. David S. McKay announced to the world, that “evidence of primitive life once lived on the red planet.”

To no one’s surprise, this caused ripples throughout the scientific community, and a rift quickly emerged. In lay terms what McKay & company put forward, was that certain hydrocarbons present in the rock could only be formed by “bacterial decomposition”; the opposition said the result could be caused by other means.

Carl Sagan was quick to denounce the theorem stating:

“The findings are evocative and very exciting; however, the chemical compounds reported in the paper 'are not evidence of life . . .”

As one might imagine, the announcement had many collateral effects: talk of “manned missions to Mars” became prevalent; although I haven’t checked, I think it’s safe to say that UFO sightings probably increased. It’s certain, that no matter one’s title in this trek we call life, the notion that we are not alone gave everyone pause to a certain degree.

Second Look

In spite of the impact of the revelation, like all things—this too passed into history . . . that is, until just recently. It seems that Dr. McKay has got back on the proverbial horse and is espousing a new analysis technique, called “ion beam milling.”

According to McKay & Co, this new technique eliminates at least one of the proposed reasons of what his opponents claimed to cause the origins of the hydrocarbons (what he believes is bacterial decomposition).

The "Magnetites" (as they're called), which appear in the image looking like petrified microbial worms are very similar to what is found here on earth (part of the original argument). That said, this is still isn't enough to satisfy his iconoclasts.

Michael Fuller, of Hawaii's Institute of Geophysics and Planetology stated, "The grain-sized distribution is pretty small, . . . once iron particles get smaller than about 20 nanometers, the magnetism breaks down . . . It doesn't look to me that they are very similar to magnetotactic bacteria . . ."

When the news of the possibility of (microbial) life broke the first time, I often pondered the idea that perhaps this was the PTB's way of “breaking of the ice” . . . of softening the blow so to speak, that we're in good and great company in the galactic scale of things.

In any event, I look at the rekindled debate as a good thing! Perhaps they'll pull another rock off the shelf that may tell us a little more . . .?

See Also:

"On Aug. 7, 1996, . . . Researchers Announced That a Craggy Lump of Rock Teemed With Evidence of Ancient Martian Life"
<http://www.theufochronicles.com/2006/02/on-aug-7-1996-researchers-announced.html>

NASA's Next Leap in Mars Exploration Ready for Launch
<http://frankwarren.blogspot.com/2005/08/nasas-next-leap-in-mars-exploration.html>

TV project on CIA remote viewing unit underway By Steve Hammons

November 5, 2009

<http://tvtranscend.blogspot.com/2009/11/tv-project-on-cia-remote-viewing-unit.html>

Following on the heels of the release of the movie The Men Who Stare at Goats, a new TV project about a CIA "remote viewing" unit is in the works, according to a Nov. 3 article in Variety. Widespread interest in the topic of remote viewing has grown steadily since information about Project STAR GATE emerged in the 1990s. Recently, large amounts of documents associated with the project have been declassified and made public, although many remain secret.

The "Goats" movie deals with a wide range of human development methods that were explored in a U.S. Army activity headed by Lt. Col. Jim Channon. Remote viewing-type capabilities and the nature of human consciousness were part of these efforts. Channon served as an advisor for the film.

The Fox project is reportedly being developed with Chernin Entertainment, a TV-based production company associated with 20th Century Fox. Peter Chernin, Katherine Pope and Lauren Stein will be the executive producers. Len Wiseman will direct. Writer Harris Wilkinson is also involved in the project.

Will they do their research to help ensure that their project is authentic and accurate?

PROJECT STAR GATE

There are many individuals nowadays claiming to be remote viewers or to have knowledge of the U.S. Government's projects in these areas. However, only a relative handful have solid first-hand knowledge and understanding of the programs that later became known as Project STAR GATE.

Although many people may have good abilities in ESP, or "anomalous cognition" as it is sometimes called, remote viewing was a term given to a specific scientifically-run protocol that had been developed and tested during years of research and real intelligence operations.

From the early stages of study at Palo Alto's SRI research center and think tank to sponsorship and management by various branches of the U.S. military and intelligence community, the research into and utilization of enhanced or advanced

human perception yielded interesting, if not amazing results.

A former Navy SEAL officer wrote a very useful research paper on remote viewing for his graduate-level studies at the Marine Corps War College. He called remote viewing a good example of what he termed "transcendent warfare" – using leading-edge emerging knowledge to approach conflict in new ways. Transcendent warfare can be related to hard power, soft power and smart power – transcendent power.

Books, movies, TV shows and other communications platforms have explored ESP-related topics in one way or the other for many years. Yet, the new Fox-Chernin project may have the opportunity to examine the subject more thoroughly in ways that potentially very large audiences will find intriguing and fascinating.

Because human consciousness is something we all have and experience, a TV project dealing with this subject is directly relevant to a wide and deep spectrum of viewers. In fact, the potential educational value creates a significant synergy with the entertainment elements of such a show.

PART OF NATURE

As wider public awareness of ideas related to remote viewing has evolved in recent years, we now know that this ability and method are directly related to the intuition, instincts, hunches, gut feelings and "sixth sense" many average people have every day.

Scientific theories attempt to explain how we can obtain or access information and understanding of people, places and things outside of our direct five senses of sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste. A brief explanation might simply emphasize that physicists, psychologists and others have determined that things in this Universe of ours are connected in ways that do not seem logical and that we do not fully understand at this time.

Using these potential connections through our deeper minds as well as our other senses and resources can give us greater information and comprehension.

Ancient humans may have used these non-intellectual abilities more than we do today. Animals and other creatures using their instincts are probably also tapping into "non-local"

information in similar ways. There may even be connections to these phenomena deep within our biological beings, our cells and our DNA.

In short, these are very natural and normal aspects of the consciousness of life and of Nature. This is one of the ways Nature works.

So, remote viewing and anomalous cognition are really not so anomalous or unusual after all. Better terms might be alternative cognition or perception, or maybe complementary cognition or perception. Integrative cognition or perception might be another useful concept.

It's a kind of perception that can work with our normal five senses and our intellectual, logical brain. But, Project STAR GATE personnel also discovered that our thinking brain can get in the way of remote viewing and distort perception.

Remote-viewing types of perceiving may kick in more strongly when needed for survival in some kind of dangerous scenario that could involve injury and life or death situations. This is why these abilities seem to come forward in some military combat personnel, intelligence field operatives or assets, peace officers, firefighters and others.

The Fox-Chernin TV project about a CIA remote viewing group has the potential to take viewers into the amazing potential of not only a special aspect of the intelligence community, but also the human potential inside all of us.

Maurizio Baiata to discuss Vatican UFO research in Mesa Friday.

November 19, 2009, Phoenix UFO Examiner, Larry Lowe
<http://www.examiner.com/x-3766-Phoenix-UFO-Examiner~y2009m11d19-Maurizio-Baiata-to-discuss-Vatican-UFO-research-in-Mesa-Friday>

In the aftermath of the recent Vatican conference on Astrobiology, more questions than answers are forthcoming about the tangled relationship of one of the world's most powerful religions and knowledge kept from the general public about humanity's origin and relationship to extra-terrestrials.

What is the abiding interest the Vatican has had in astronomy for decades? Why do they have one of the more powerful telescopes on Kitt Peak? What does the Vatican know that parishioners are not told about extraterrestrial life?

There have been rumors for years that the Vatican is fully aware of and, in some cases, has had contact with extraterrestrials living in Italy. If so, the Catholic Church is as culpable as the United States government in maintaining a truth embargo against its members.

One of the reasons is the question of power and authority. Four hundred years ago the church would not accept the science of Galileo because it challenged church doctrine it was felt that nothing should be allowed to do so.

This time around, the world is on the brink of a major paradigm-shift as astronomy seems to be bearing down on proving life bearing planets elsewhere in our galaxy. Once the church has to face the fact of life elsewhere than Earth, it has to face the larger questions posed as to its relevance in a scientific society. And it's a much smaller step to face the fact of other intelligent life in our biosphere from knowing there is intelligent life on other planets than not knowing that. The Vatican seems to be determined not to make the same mistake twice and is preloading doctrine to include the post-disclosure paradigm.

UFO: Something real must exist. This is a statement coming out from basic considerations based upon common sense, human rationalism and upon a normal and possible course of our lives, considering not only individual and social aspects, but also religious."

—Monsignor Corrado Balducci, Vatican Curia, 2001 <http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc1812.htm>

"We should exclude that angels use spaceships. When speaking about extraterrestrials, we must think in beings like us ... better said, a body in a better state than the one existing for us as humans."

—Monsignor Corrado Balducci, Vatican Curia, 2001

"Just like there is an abundance of creatures on earth, there could also be other beings, even intelligent ones, that were created by God. That doesn't contradict our faith, because we cannot put boundaries to God's creative freedom."

—Father Jose Funes, director of the Vatican Observatory, 2008
<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/new.php?n=12628>

The Vatican Astrobiology conference is the latest event designed to position the church as relevant in a post-disclosure world. It has ignited a firestorm of discussion on the web, engaging religious observers

for the first time in the realization that ET may become real at any minute.

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/new.php?n=12628>

Maurizio Baiata has spend a lifetime dealing with both the issue of UFO cases and evidence and the powerful influence of the Catholic church from his base of operations in Rome.

Recently moved to the valley to assume editorship of Open Minds magazine, Baiata brings a unique insight into the complicated relationship between the Vatican and ET. He will share that insight with the UFO 2012 Meet-up Group Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Mesa Fire Station #201.

One of the issues Baiata will speak to is the remarkable Fatima incident which occurred shortly after the end of the First World War.

According to Baiatia, the seemingly supernatural accounts of what is known as the Sun Dance, a part of the miracle of Fatima, may have a rather prosaic explanation: Direct contact with extraterrestrials, described in the limited vernacular of the period.

After several days of heavy rains, between 50,000 and 70,000 people assisted to this "solar" phenomenon gathered in the Cova de Iria, a valley near Fatima, midday October 13, 1917. Photos show that the crowd is staring at the sky, watching the clouds breaking and the sun appearing, spinning and going down the earth, in a zig-zag motion. It could be that was an optical effect, probably since the crowd could look at it wearing no eye protection. Again, according to the newspapers reports, immediately after or in conjunction with sun rotation the crowd saw also a round object, pearl in color, descending from the clouds and being visible for a couple of minutes.

While the 'landing' was taking place, wet soil and clothes were instantly dry, a possible effect of a microwave irradiation. That object then hovered motionless over the famous tree where shortly after a shiny figure, who revealed herself as the Blessed Virgin Mary to the three youngsters, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco.

The description given by the children of that celestial entity include the appearance of a very unusual human like creature, diminutive in size, talking telepathically to them an invisible to the crowd. All the elements and witness accounts go the inevitable conclusion: alien interaction.

—Maurizio Baiata

Tips before and after you see a UFO

Joseph Capp, UFO Media Matters, 11/30/2009
<http://ufomedia.blogspot.com/2009/11/tipsbefore-and-after-you-see-ufo.html>

There is one thing I know from my many years of reading on this subject, and that is, what a UFO witness should, and shouldn't do during, and after, a UFO sighting. Of course, most people don't plan on seeing a UFO, or if they do, never report it. But, for those who may

One important rule to remember is when you see a UFO alone it usually means nothing but a footnote in UFO history. The exception to this rule is when professionals, police, pilots, etc. experience unknown objects and report them. These trained professionals obviously carry more weight. Unfortunately, for the rest of us mortals, reporting a sighting may not get any real attention and may be dismissed as prosaic even though you're certain it was not. That can be rather frustrating if you really want to know what you saw.

Below I have some pointers to help you become more of a master of your sighting rather than having your sighting master you. I don't say that lightly either. There are many instances when people experience a UFO and their credibility and honesty were instantly challenged. For what you may ask? The answer is simple: because they saw a UFO. I know, thank God, there are people out there, individuals, who will stand up and report what they saw regardless of what other people may say or think.

1. If you see a UFO keep your head.

The problem with seeing a UFO is the event becomes so startling that the witnesses are not using their heads. They forget they have the means, in many instances, to prove the event really happened. I met a scientist on a cruise once. He had one previous experience. He told me once he witnessed "shiny spheres" shooting along the highway in front of his car. His wife and family didn't believe him. We became friends and he started to delve into UFOs. Now he is a strong supporter of the realities of UFOs. About 6 months after we met the whole family was in their car when they had a daylight sighting. His wife and family no longer doubts him. He called me on the phone right after the sighting. The important point here is they had a video camera and photo camera in the car but the shock of what he saw gave him total "UFO amnesia" and he forgot he had them. Photos and video are important, but nothing beats independent

witnesses with their own evidence. So, if you see people watching the same object it would be very smart if you could exchange phone numbers with them, or at least get their numbers.

2. Write down all the information you can about the sighting before you report it.

Jot down all the specifics: the more detailed the better. Make sketches of the object: color, size, shape, and movement. Include also an estimate of the degree position the object in relation to the horizon and also compass directions. If it's at night take notes of any stars or planets near your sighting. Many phones now have compasses and make it possible to go on the web. You can use them to find not only the positions of the stars and planets, but also satellites, their times and positions.

3. Never lie or embellish your UFO sighting.

You never know how important your sighting will become and there are people out there in media just waiting to discredit you. If you think they are stupid you'd be making a big mistake. One of the great witnesses to Roswell known as the "Mortician" lied about names of the nurse and his story changed over the course of time. Although his original statement had been repeated many times in the town years before any publicity, his inconsistencies were fodder for the skeptics. It is perfectly understandable if a person wishes to hold back certain aspects of the sighting till that person is comfortable with his/her investigator. For years ranchers never spoke of seeing landed disk and entities, even though now they claim they had witnessed them during times of mutilations. They claimed they withheld that information because if they had said anything people would have thought they were crazy. Hey, you know something... they're right. My strong suggestion, in that case, is to be upfront with the investigator right away. State your position as plainly as possible; that you are not comfortable with sharing everything at this time. This will save you a great deal of grief if you decide to reveal it later on. I say this as a student of UFO history; it is the best way to go.

4. Report your sighting.

MUFON is the best place to report your sighting. They have some great field investigators and they have a much better system of tracking the progress of a case. As far as MUFON getting back to you quickly, the more MUFON investigators in your

area the better chance you have of your case being looked at quickly. The other place to report a sighting is the National UFO Reporting Center. Although NUFORC will take your sighting they don't investigate. They will, however, notify MUFON if a report looks very interesting and or is part and parcel to other UFO sightings in the same area (flap).

5. There is a big secret in UFO history.

In the beginning of UFO investigations if witnesses claimed multiple sightings at different times, that person would have been considered too far out to be of interest. That has changed tremendously. Many of our researchers now know people do indeed have multiple sightings. The point here is you may want to go back to the same area the next night (most of these types of recurrences happen at night) or, in those rare instances, the next day. If the sighting was at night, go a little earlier and take pictures of the area in the daytime concentrating on any objects in the area: trees, hills, and manmade structures. If you can measure the distances to these markers of course that would help. Your trip will not be wasted even if you don't see anything.

6. Reporting a UFO publicly can be dangerous to your career.

I am not self righteous enough to tell people to endanger their career over a UFO sighting. If you're involved with government contracts, or any place where "they" can hurt you or damage your career, don't give your name. I suggest you report the sighting anonymously with MUFON. MUFON will keep your anonymity. Anonymity is one of the pillars of MUFON. Simply put they can be trusted and in their training (which I took) they stress the importance of maintaining anonymity when requested. Why even report it if it's anonymous? Your report may bring other people out of the "UFO closet." This may mean they also report their sighting confirming what you saw. Believe me you will feel better if other people witnessed what you witnessed.

1. Look out for the media.

The reality of the world is the media will try to trivialize your report. If your experience ends up bringing attention and you are interviewed, they usually bring debunkers on after you are interviewed. Try and counter in your initial interview the objections to your case these skeptics may make. Example: if Jupiter or another planet

was close to the same area of the sky as your object mention that, because, you can be sure, if you don't, they will... In other words ,cover all your bases. If you have any professional standing that could lend credibility to your sighting, mention it (if you can). If you are allowed to counter the skeptic, challenge any ridiculous statement they may have made, (there usually some) and keep your head; **USUALLY, DEBUNKERS KNOW LESS THAN YOU ABOUT UFOS.** Don't be intimidated, they are bluffing.

2. Getting money for your experience has it's headaches.

Suppose you have that rare UFO experience so profound, and well substantiated, it receives a thorough investigation with even the possibility of a book deal. What should you do? Obviously in this illustration the investigation went well for the person, in other words concrete independent evidence that something did happen. Now, it gets complicated. People may push you and pull you all kinds of ways. I suggest you remember why you reported your experience(s) in the first place...it was probably a selfless act. Stay true to that integrity above all else, in your testimony, and even with the lure of more money. If you do this you will certainly be in good standing with the UFO community. You can bank on that.

3. What happens if you are asked to speak at some UFO conferences?

That of course is up to each and every person to decide. I can tell you what I have observed at conferences. The support for well documented cases is phenomenal. Each one of them is perceived by most of the UFO community, as a break in the wall against humanity's ignorance. There are some people in our community that seem to have their own agenda, whatever the hell it is. These people will question any human weakness you have. This type of unfairness doesn't go unchallenged with most of the UFO community; they will support you in every way.

Is it worth it? The strongest evidence we have points to Extra Terrestrial Vehicles. They have continually monitored the Second World War, our nuclear buildup and our trips in space. They have even shot down missiles. At this very moment they are being witnessed and recorded all over the world. We've had an American hero who walked on the moon stating emphatically and publicly that ETs are here. When UFO craft and its occupants

turn out to be a public reality your UFO experience will take on a significance you could hardly have dreamed of.

Above all else, people of the world, report UFOs because knowledge is power. KEEP WATCHING THE SKIES

Note: Nasa has proven those rocks from Mars do after all contain life.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/science/space/article6934078.ece>

Russian Navy Declassifies Cold War Close Encounters

By David Axe, July 24, 2009

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2009/07/russian-navy-declassifies-cold-war-close-encounters/>

Great catch by Phil Ewing at Navy Times' Scoop Deck blog: the Russian navy has just declassified its records of Cold War UFO sightings. Turns out "50 percent of UFO encounters are connected with oceans. Fifteen [percent] more — with lakes. So UFOs tend to stick to the water," one Russian officer explained.

"On several occasions the instruments gave reading of material objects moving at incredible speed," a sub commander recalled. "Calculations showed speeds of about 230 knots, or 400 kph. Speeding so fast is a challenge even on the surface. But water resistance is much higher. It was like the objects defied the laws of physics. There's only one explanation: the creatures who built them far surpass us in development."

Insert jab about superior U.S. Navy submarine technology, here.

All joking aside, in one alleged incident in 1982, three navy diver trainees reportedly died pursuing what survivors described as "a group of humanoid creatures dressed in silvery suits" in Baikal, the world's deepest lake.

Orr, Minnesota UFO Sighting

Case Number: 21018

Submitted Date: 2009-12-16 16:33 GMT

Event Date: 2009-12-13 00:00 GMT

City: Orr, Minnesota, USA

Shape: Flash

I was asleep in my bed in Orr, Minnesota on Pelican Lake's south shore. The light was so bright that it came thru the room darkening curtains and woke me. I couldn't figure out what it was that woke me for the first few moments, as I said, I had been asleep. I got out of bed and walked to the window to see what was making the light, and all I could see was bright light. Everything in the woods was lit up brightly. I could not see a source for the light. I was going to wake my husband and the light went out. There was no explanation. The following morning, I mentioned this to my husband. Neither of us could come up with an explanation. Later that day, my husband was talking with a neighbor who lives about a mile away, and to our surprise, he experienced a similar ordeal. He, however, was awake when he saw the unexplained light.

Minnesota 'V' Lights

BURNSVILLE - I went out on my deck, at City Road 5 at about midnight on November 30, 2009. Between the treetops and above in the clear sky I spotted two large orbs of white light rapidly circling each other. The sky was covered by dense clouds and the football field size light circles were quite visible. They maintained their formation from each other, but did move sideways from time to time. It resembled a planet with an orbiting moon. I watched for several minutes and then started to take photographs with my digital camera. Suddenly, several gold orbs appeared in an arc shape as shown in the photo. The sky cleared and the lights vanished. The gold lights were not visible to the naked eye when there was cloud cover, but the early photos showed them. Thanks to MUFON CMS.

Twelve Government Documents That Take UFOs Seriously by Richard M. Dolan

<http://keyholepublishing.com/Leading-UFO-Documents.html>

I highly recommend reading this material on Richard Dolan's website. He gives a good summary with images of documents.

<http://keyholepublishing.com/Leading-UFO-Documents.html>

MUFON video on Youtube

This video addresses a recent problem with MUFON impersonators who have been putting slanderous videos on Youtube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCulwlSAr24>

Jan./Feb. 2010 MUFON Minnesota Meeting agendas:

Jan. 9 - Bob Schultz has a presentation on Crop Circles. He put this together for a "Critical Thinker's" group where it was received very well. Bob had been researching and investigating crop circles for several years.

Feb. 13 - Bob Engberg will present his research: "Van Allen Radiation Belt – Its Ramifications for Ufology and the Space Program." This will be followed by the video "Was it Only a Paper Moon."

Occam's REAL Razor

Occam's Razor, a logical principle devised by medieval philosopher William of Occam which states, "One should not increase beyond what is necessary, the number of entities required to explain anything". This "principle of parsimony" has proved itself most useful in science. **[So how many is 'necessary'? – Ed.]**

Seldom, very seldom, does complete truth belong to any human disclosure; seldom can it happen that something is not a little disguised, or a little mistaken. - Jane Austen

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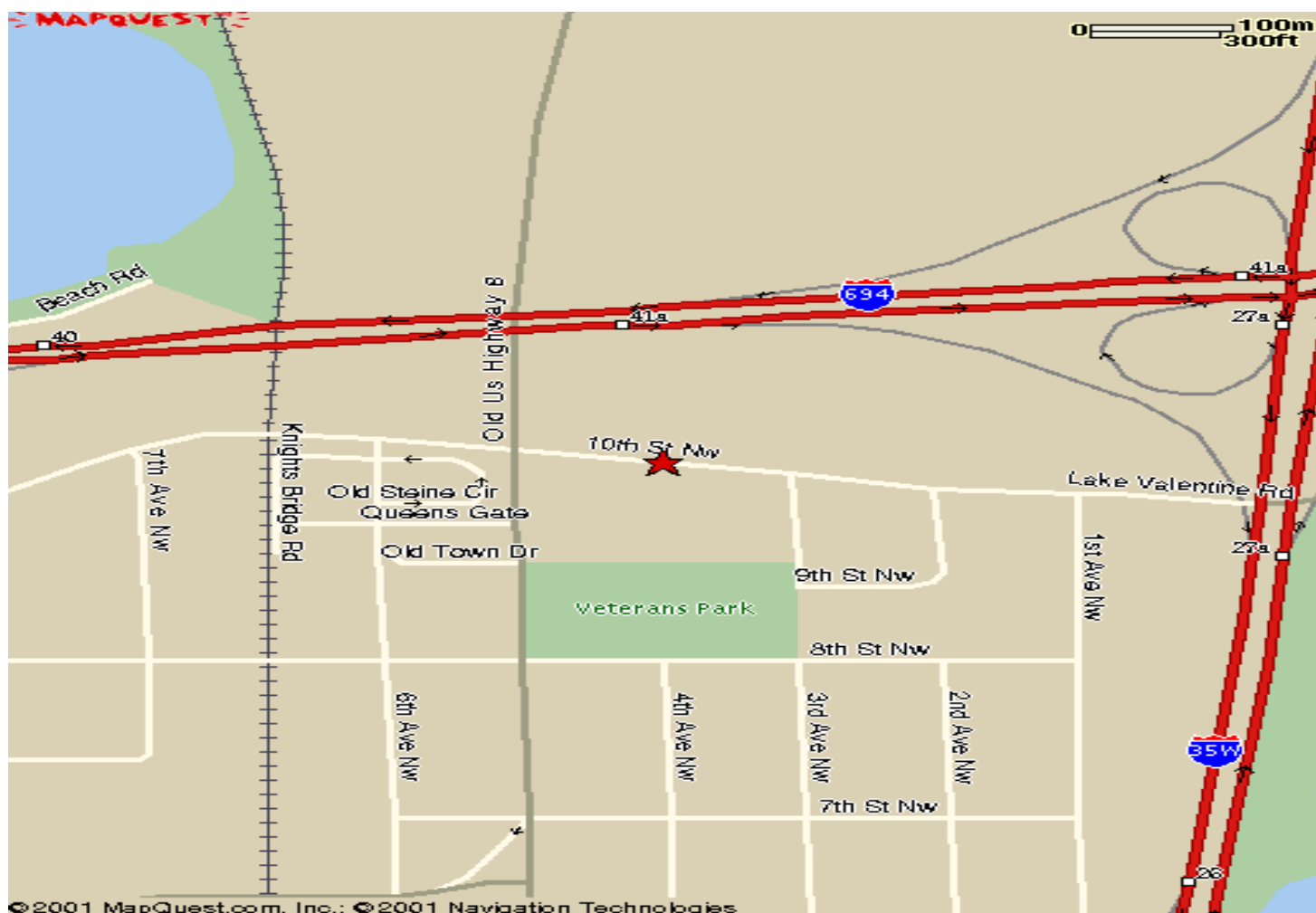
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